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ALEUTIAN ISLANDS DISTRICT STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD A SEASON ADJUSTMENTS #4-GF-10-12

Beginning 12:00 noon April 1, in state-waters of the Aleutian Islands District between 175° W long. and 178° W long. the state-waters Pacific cod season will be limited to vessels 60 feet overall length (OAL) or less using non-pelagic trawl, pot and jig gear and to vessels 58 feet OAL or less using longline gear.

The state-waters Pacific cod season in the remainder of the Aleutian Islands District west of 170° W long. (170° W long. to 175° W long. and from 178° W long. to the western boundary of the Aleutian Islands District) will close at 12:00 noon on April 1 and immediately reopen under parallel rules to coincide with the opening of the federal catcher-vessel Pacific cod trawl B season.

Due to concurrent state and federal fisheries for Pacific cod in the Aleutian Islands District by vessels using trawl gear fishermen must notify the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor prior to transitioning from the state-waters Pacific cod fishery to a federally managed Pacific cod fishery. Prior to leaving the state-waters fishery vessels must deliver all Pacific cod. Vessels must notify ADF&G by telephone at (907) 581-1239.

The Aleutian Island District state-waters Pacific cod season opened January 1, 2012 with an A season guideline harvest level (GHL) of 14,537,132 pounds. To date, over 6.5 million pounds of the GHL remain.

For further information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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